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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a acute shortage of power in various parts of the country at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to evolve strategy to meet power demand in consultation with the State Governments;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any plan to increase the power production;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount likely to be spent for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b): During the period April-June, 2000 the State-wise power supply position in the country is given in the Annexure. The total energy availability during this period have been 114674 MU compared to 109478 MU duringthe corresponding period of last year thus showing an increase of 4.7%.

(c) to (e): In order to improve availability of power and generation capacity and make optimal use of the available power resources in the country, the following measures have been taken:-

(i) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme. Various task forces have been set up in the Ministry to ensure timely implementation of new projects.

(ii) Promotion of measures for energy efficiency and demand side management.

(iii) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) of old existing generating units.

(iv) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporationfor improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under accelerated generation programme.

(v) Promotion of inter-state and inter-regional power transfers.

(vi) Coordinated operation of hydro, thermal, nuclear and gas turbine power stations in the regional power system.

(vii) Augmentation of transmission, transformation capacity in the power system and installation of shunt capacitors to improve the voltage.

(viii) Reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

(ix) Improving the viability of State Electricity Boards through power sector reforms.

Further, the Ministry has constituted two Committees headed by the Chairman, Central Electricity Authorityeach for Southern and Northern Regions comprising officers from State Electricity Boards/Utilities of the concerned regions to review power supply position in these regions and suggest measures for improving power availability in the regions. The Committee for the Southern Region has already submitted its report.

(f): The approved outlay for the Ninth Plan is Rs. 124526.41crore comprising of Rs. 53,299.41 crore for the central sector and Rs. 71,227.00 crore for the state sector. In addition, substantial private sector investment is expected to come in the power sector.